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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on September 21, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, K. Aylwin at 10:04 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor A. Kungl
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
J. Northcote
M. Kavanagh
K. Patterson-McGrath
A. Pelan

Absent: 3 - E. vanWesenbeeck
S. Diaz - SMDHU
W. Steimle

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Infrastructure Planning Engineer, B. Gratrix
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Supervisor of Urban Forstry and Natural Areas Stewardship, K. Rankin

ALSO PRESENT:
D. McLaughlin, WSP
A. Braithwaite, WSP
J. Jones WSP

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

CYCLE BARRIE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - CONSULTANT TEAM PROJECT UPDATE

Brett Gratrix, Infrastructure Planning Engineer introduced Dave McLaughlin of WSP who provided the Committee with a presentation on the City of Barrie Interim Cycling Network, starting the presentation off with an introduction of the project team.

Presentation slides included:

- What Are We Doing;
- Evolution of Cycling Facility Design;
- Facility Selection Tool: Step 1 - Urban Facility Selection Nomograph;
- Facility Selection Tool: Step 1 - Rural Facility Selection Nomograph;
- Potential Design Solutions - OTM Book 18 - Transit Stops;
- Potential Design Solutions - OTM Book 18 - Driveways;
- Potential Design Solutions - OTM Book 18; and
- Next Steps.

The Committee asked questions and were provided answers.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

John Northcote explained to the Committee that because of the challenges due to COVID over the last year for teachers, he did not approach schools regarding active transportation presentations. Mr. Northcote further mentioned that he currently does have two schools set up for this fall.

Councillor A. Kungl indicated that she intended to reach out to all Principals and schools within Ward 3 and offered to mention that Mr. Northcote would be available to speak to Parent Council groups regarding an Active Transportation Education and Encouragement pilot project.

SINGLE TREE BY-LAW UPDATE

Councillor A. Kungl provided an overview of the Single Tree By-law discussed at the last City Council meeting.

Andee Pelan, Living Green Barrie summarized areas of concern regarding

wording within the motion passed by Council.

Councillor A. Kungl discussed a recommendation to the City Building Committee for the September 21, 2021 meeting to look at the evaluation of best practices from other municipalities, the potential for a more comprehensive approach to mature tree protection, as well as public and stakeholder consultation.

The Committee had further discussions on this item.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

SINGLE TREE BY-LAW UPDATE

That the Single Tree By-law investigation include an evaluation of best practices from other municipalities, the potential for a more comprehensive approach to mature tree protection beyond excavation and construction, and a public and stakeholder consultation process.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/21/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

SUNNIDALE ROAD OVERPASS

Brett Gratrix provided the Committee with information regarding the Sunnidale Road overpass, the MTO being provided design criteria, 1.5-meter bike lanes, and challenges regarding sidewalks.

The Committee asked questions and were provided answers.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

SUNNIDALE ROAD OVERPASS

That Staff in Development Services and Infrastructure consult with the MTO Sunnidale Road Project Team to determine the project and cost implications of upgrading the proposed active transportation infrastructure to include sidewalks on both sides, as well as separated cycling facilities, and report back to the General Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/21/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAL SAFETY ON HURONIA ROAD

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

USE OF QR CODES FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SIGNAGE

Councillor A. Kungl mentioned beautification initiatives around the City and leveraging codes on the City's website for people to visit and navigate the City to different destination spots. She inquired if QR codes could be incorporated into the communication strategy.

Brett Gratrix clarified that it is multi-departmental, but regarding cycling, it was something that could be looked at as part of the signage at trail heads. Mr. Gratrix expressed that it is not great from a safety perspective to have people slow down or stop on a roadway to do a QR code scan.

Wendy Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner indicated to the Committee that her department is exploring incorporating QR codes and there is a plan to complete a pilot this fall for feedback.

The Committee had further discussions and asked questions.

CROMPTON PARK UPDATE

Councillor A. Kungl provided the Committee with an update regarding a tour through the park with three members of the Barrie Public Arts Committee. She also mentioned speaking to residents and the need for more resident engagement and feedback. She mentioned that there may be an opportunity for work being planned at Crompton Park that is connected to Active Transportation and a communication strategy and awareness of walkable spaces.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03p.m.

CHAIRMAN